

Remarks

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 101

Claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 USC § 101 because claim 11 recites a device inside a patient's body as well as a device outside the patient's body. Claim 11 was amended as recommended in the Office Action by including "adapted to be positioned inside a patient's body". Thus, the "101" rejection is overcome in this Amendment.

Reissue Applications

Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 USC § 251, as the Office Action maintains that the claims of the reissue application were broadened in any one respect. The claims have been modified back to their original state, namely at least three stable operating positions, and "multistable operating states" has been changed back to "at least three stable operating states".

Recapture

The Office Action's concerns have been addressed by returning the claims to their original state.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102

Claims 13 to 18 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by Dorman.

To overcome this rejection, claim 13 is amended to recite that the implantable medical pump includes a plurality of throttle paths such that the passive regulator directs the fluid from the fluid reservoir to a selective one of the throttle paths, to vary a flow

rate setting. The '504 patent has only one outlet path 62, 65, 66. Thus, the '504 patent does not anticipate amended claim 13.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dorman in view of Reinicke. Dependent claim 19 should be allowable because it indirectly depends from allowable claim 13.

Inventors' Declaration

Inventor's Declarations of five inventors are submitted herewith.

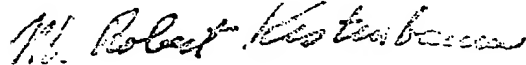
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Wherefore further consideration and allowance of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

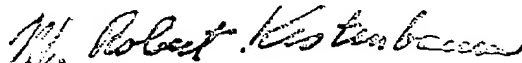
A three-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action is hereby requested. PTO-2038 authorizing credit card payment for the amount of \$510 is enclosed for the prescribed Small Entity three-month extension fee.

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